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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

28. (Amended) A system for handling optical signals
passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse
shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system
comprising two or more signal handling devices according to
Claim 13, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and
operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment
and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse
signal.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims is being made in
order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of